

# First Presbyterian Church

December 4, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.



*Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee  
*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

December 4, 2022 • *Second Sunday of Advent*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles** *(from Isaiah 11)*

The prophet writes: In the days to come,  
a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse.

***The spirit of wisdom and understanding  
shall rest upon this One.***

The wolf shall lie down with the lamb,  
the cow and the bear shall graze together.

***And a little child shall lead them.***

We light the candles of hope and peace  
as signs of the coming light of Christ.

***God's peaceful realm is on its way!***

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Holy God, you show us the path of righteousness. Yet, we confess that we do not always walk in your light. We remain in the shadows, afraid of being asked to do something beyond our comfort zones. We prefer our firewalls of safety over vulnerable, face-to-face encounters with our perceived enemies. Forgive us, we pray. Rekindle in us the vision of your peaceful realm, that we might be ever more ready to receive the coming Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

## **\*The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## **\*Sung Response (refrain, hymn 100)**

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

## **Time with Children**

*(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)*

## **Anthem**

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

## **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-9

## **Sermon**

*And on Earth, Peace*

Sharon Youngs

## **Musical Reflection**

## **Call to Prayer (v.1, hymn 92)**

***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

## **Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

## **\*Hymn 79**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

## **\*Charge and Blessing**

## **\*Sung Response (refrain, hymn 113)**

***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## **Postlude**

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*The flowers today are given by Bill and Debbie Bostick  
to the glory of God and for the joy of God's love and their family.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to our worship leaders today: Judy Greeson, liturgist; and Jack and Robin Graham, candle lighters.

—The Session has called a **congregational meeting for today**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing the class of ruling elders for 2025. Nominees: Joe Concepcion, Ann Frome, Chris Iversen, and Roger Ryburn.

—The **Messiah Sing-along** is this afternoon, 3:00 p.m., here in the sanctuary. All are welcome to sing or enjoy listening. Bring your own score if you have one, or use one provided at church. Refreshments will be served afterward.

—This Thursday, Dec. 8, is our **Welcome Table** dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you can help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know before Thursday.

### **Looking Ahead:**

Dec. 13: Service of Memory and Hope

Dec. 18: Cookies and Cider

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service (7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 25: Online worship only: Pre-recorded worship service provided by the Presbytery of East Tennessee

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